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1. THERE ARE NO EXISTING JAPANESE SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR LASER EQUIPMENT. DR. KENJI SAKURAI, CHAIRMAN OF TC (TECHNICAL COMMITTEE) 76 IN JAPAN, IEC (INTL ELECTRO STANDARD COMMITTEE), ADVISED TRADE CENTER THAT TC '76 IS PREPARING JAPANESE DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR LASER SAFETY REGULATION FOR PRESENTATION TO IEC TO ESTABLISH INTL STANDARDS. TRADE CENTER BELIEVES CO-2 LASER OF II-VI CORP REPRESENT NO PROBLEMS IF THE EQUIPMENT MEETS AMERICAN LASER SAFETY REGULATION AND PRECAUTIONS.

2. DR. SAKURAI FURTHER ADVISED, AS A PERSONAL OPINION, THAT JAPAN DOES HAVE AN INTEREST IN FOLLOWING AREAS: (1) OPTICAL FIBER COMMUNICATION, (2) LASER FUSION, AND (3) LASER FABRICATION. LASER FABRICATION IS NOW BEING PROMOTED AS A JAPANESE NATIONAL PROJECT.

3. ALSO, DR. SAKURAI ASKED IF ITA HAS ANY PLANS TO CONDUCT AMERICAN-JAPANESE LASER SYMPOSIUM IN CONJUNCTION WITH
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EXHIBITION. HE SAID THAT A LASER COLLOQUIUM, CONDUCTED IN PREVIOUS TC EXHIBITION DURING NOVEMBER 1976, WAS SIGNIFICANT AND WORTHWHILE. ADVISE ITA'S THOUGHT ON THIS MATTER. MANSFIELD

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